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Country Week Fete Fun for Clifton & Allora

Tomorrow evening the Anglican Parish of Allora & Clifton will be hosting their annual Parish Fete at All Saints Anglican Church in Clifton, an evening that boasts an amazing line-up of entertainment, thrills, food & art from 4.00 pm until 8.00 pm, for all the family and a highlight of Clifton's Country Week.

After not being held in 2015 the traditional Fete has re-emerged as part of Clifton's week of festivities, 'Country Week'.

Spokesperson Kerry Denne is very excited about the evening, "we certainly have a programme packed with entertainment to please everyone on what should be a delightful Spring evening."

A highlight of the Fete will be the 'Faith in Art' exhibition displaying the talents of local and regional artists.

"While the exceptional display of art will catch plenty of attention and is a real coo for our fete, our beautiful church will host an eye catching display of quilts" said Kerry.

Local area talent, the 'Nobby Nightingales' and the 'O'Dea Sisters', Isabella and Grace feature on the evenings list of performers, along with Country & Western singer Barry Heffernan and well known Indigenous dancer, singer & choreographer Sharman Parsons.



Reverend Laurel Raymond is looking forward to a very special Anglican Parish of Allora & Clifton Annual Fete in Clifton tomorrow evening.

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"Adding to the variety on stage is health guru Pauline and her Heart Moves team and also Michelle McMurtrie, along with belly dancers and few more surprises" says Kerry. Annual Fete traditions such as the Jumping Castle and the wonderful fairy floss machine will again brighten the eyes of children of all ages, as will the face painting and the fire engine visit.

Age old thrillers such as the old fashion Knock 'ems will provide an opportunity for everyone to try their skills, while the evening will also highlight a novel program of yabby races. There is a great array of stalls offering a seeming endless variety with plants for sale, lots of home made goodies such as cakes & sweets, jams & pickles, books, craft, woodwork and trash and treasure, just some of the options available to those who roll up to enjoy the evening.

A barbeque and bar will be operating, and hot baked potatoes and wine and cheese available, as is tea and coffee along with a selection of amazing deserts.

A multi-draw raffle will provide plenty of opportunities to win some great prizes, tickets available on entry at the gate. "Our organising band of volunteers are so very grateful to all of the wonderful prize donors for their generous support."

"We are sure everyone will enjoy the fete, young and old" says Kerry, "and encourages all attending to catch up for a chat with Reverend Laurel Raymond, priest in charge of our Anglican Parish of Allora and Clifton.

The 2016 Anglican Parish of Allora & Clifton Fete has taken on somewhat of a new image given the amazing energy of the volunteers assisting from across the Parish. After being hosted in Allora in the grounds of St. Davids Church for many years, and the Fete not being held last year, the event's re-emergence as part of the popular Clifton 'Country Week' is seen as a positive focus for the future for what has been a long established tradition.

For further details on what will be a wonderful Spring event please call 0438 287 861.

Glyn Rees

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- What is the name for the round dishes often used for growing bacteria?
- Budgerigars are popular pets all around the world, but where are they native to?
- How big are the transistors on a new computer's central processing unit: a) 14 centimetres wide, b) 14 millimetres wide, or c) 14 nanometres wide?

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WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Showers Late. Afternoon Clouds. Mild.	7 23
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SUN	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	8 23
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Mens Shed Report

Community minded Jon Constable, donor of the prize - an Impresso capsule coffee machine, drew out the winning ticket of the Allora Men's Shed latest raffle. Visiting customers at Allora Pursehouse Rural could now be doubly blessed with a delicious cuppa, as the winner is Manager Russell Hughes. President Glenn thanked all community members who so generously purchased tickets and advises the AMS will be again offering all persons the opportunity to be a winner. There will shortly be an AMS monster Christmas raffle of handy gardening equipment donated by a fellow Men's Shed. Allora Men's Shed contracted GWP Management to assist with our grant application and now we are the most appreciative recipient of a \$35,000 grant from the Community Benefit Fund, to install a new shed and solar system at our Scout Hut site in Jubb Street. This is the culmination of an initial futuristic plan of inaugural AMS Secretary, Mrs Ros Cave, for the AMS to relocate to and develop the new site. With boundary fencing about to be completed, it is anticipated that shed construction will commence early in the new year. This expansion will allow the present 22 members to undertake activities precluded by the cramped conditions in Herbert Street. Any men wishing to have a cuppa, 'chew the fat' and

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Events Calendar

2016

- October -**
- Fri 14** **Wattles Banquet and Presentation Evening**
Allora Community Hall
- Fri 14** **Annual Allora-Clifton Anglican Fete**
Clifton, 4.30pm
- Sat 15** **Ashford Salami Festival Bus Trip - CANCELLED**
Departs Allora-Bowls 7.00am, departs Ashford 5.30pm
- Tue 18** **Allora Rural Neighbourhood Watch AGM**
Allora Court House, 6.30pm. All welcome.
- Fri 21** **St Patrick's Parish Fete**
St Patrick's School & Church Grounds, 5.00pm
- Sun 23** **Pilton Soldiers Memorial Hall "A Day in the Valley"**
Pilton, from 9.00am
- Wed 26** **Wattles RLFC Annual General Meeting**
Railway Hotel, 7.00pm
- Wed 26** **Allora Community Circle Meeting**
Senior Citizens Hall, 6.00pm
- Sun 30** **Toowoomba Hospice Charity Jazz Breakfast - \$30**
Downs Steam Museum Railway, Drayton, 9.00am
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- November -**
- Tue 1** **Toowoomba Hospice Melbourne Cup Lunch - \$60**
Café Valetta, 96 Margaret St, Toowoomba, 11.30am
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- Sat 12** **Wattles Rodeo**
Allora Showgrounds
- Sat 19** **Allora Doctor Who Group Meet-Up**
Allora QCWA rooms, 10.00am
- Sat 19** **Toowoomba Hospice Wine Tasting Bus Tour - \$70**
To book call Christine Siebuhr on 4633 3014.
- December -**
- Sat 3** **Allora Creekside Carols**
Food from 4.30pm, Carols from 6.30pm

2017

- Mar -**
- Fri 3** **Allora Rotary Tirvia Night**
Allora Community Hall
- May -**
- Sat 6** **Scope Club of Allora 40th Anniversary Afternoon Tea**
Allora Community Hall

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If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

Strategy for Invasive Pests approved

At the General Meeting held on 28 September 2016, Council adopted the Invasive Pests Strategic Plan 2016- 2020 and the Invasive Pest Action Plan 2016-2020 (the Plan), which guide the management of invasive pest weeds and animals in the Region.

The Plan, prepared by Council's Environmental Services Pest Management officers, fulfils the requirements under the Biosecurity Act 2014 which commenced on 1 July 2016, for all local governments in Queensland to have a Biosecurity Plan (formerly known as a pest management plan).

Community input to the Plan was received via the Pest Management Advisory Committee which reviewed the documents and recommended that they be adopted by Council.

Under the new Act, landholders are still responsible for controlling pests on their lands, including Council, government departments and other agencies.

The Plan includes a new initiative which sets the minimum expected standards for all invasive pests. For example, all landholders in prescribed areas are expected to participate in wild dog coordinated baiting programs, unless they can demonstrate genuine reasons preventing them from participating. Similarly, all landholders are expected to control all African boxthorn on their land, unless a staged control strategy has been outlined by Council in a Biosecurity Order (formerly a pest control notice).

The Invasive Pests Action Plan documents where Council will be undertaking invasive pest control on its own lands and where Council will conduct inspections of private property to ensure invasive pests are being adequately controlled. Compliance action may be taken if this is not the case, including Council undertaking control work at the landholder's expense.

"Council recognises that most landholders are controlling pests," said Cr Yve Stocks, Shadow Portfolio Manager for Rural, Environmental, Sustainability & Waste Management.

"However, those not undertaking control are contributing to the spread of these pests to neighbouring lands.

"These pests are declared because of the impacts they have on the economy, environment and amenity of the Southern Downs Region.

"Council is committed to having all declared pests on all lands being adequately controlled."

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BreastScreen Queensland Mobile Service to visit Warwick

Women aged 40 years and over are encouraged to take advantage of BreastScreen Queensland's state-of-the-art digital mobile service when it visits Warwick next month.

BreastScreen Queensland Toowoomba Service health promotion officer Jessica Hobbs said the accessibility of the mobile service provided a great opportunity for women to look after their health while remaining in their local communities.

"The mobile service visits selected rural locations every two years and is always very well received," Ms Hobbs said.

"This is a great opportunity for women to book in for their first breast screen, or to come back for their regular two-yearly screen.

"We know that early detection of women's cancers provides the best chance of survival and quality of life, so if you haven't been keeping up-to-date with these important checks, now is the time to do so."



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Ms Hobbs said women aged 40 and over should have a breast screen every two years. "In 2015 more than 15,000 Australian women were diagnosed with breast cancer," she said.

"One in eight Queensland women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and of those 90 per cent will have no family history of the illness.

"That's why we encourage all women aged 40 and over to have a free breast screen every two years, and also be sure to carry out regular breast checks.

"If you find something unusual, or have any concerns about your breast health, see your GP as soon as possible."

Women aged 40 and over can phone 13 20 50 to book a free breast screen with the mobile service when it is Warwick.

A doctor's referral is not required.

Additionally, the Southern Downs community is served by the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service's Mobile Women's Health Service.

This service is coordinated by registered nurse, Kathryn Anning, who can provide free and confidential advice about sexual health, continence, menopause, contraception and general wellbeing as well as provide cervical screening (pap smears).

Contact 0419 669 340 for more information about the Mobile Women's Health Service in Warwick and the Southern Downs.



H. W. Stay's trucks waiting to unload wheat at the Allora grain shed c.1926/7. The second truck is equipped with a winch and was probably used for carting coal to the Allora railway station.

Looking Back...

The Final Word

In an attempt to try to find out if there had ever been any coal mining activity to the north of Hillside Road, I contacted Tom McVeigh whose family owned land in the area for about 60 years. As his reply indicates, the entry to the mine was on the southern side of Hillside Road. Even though the mining companies had leases on the northern side, by the time that they had mined the 200 metres or so to the road, and then under the road, there would have been minimal activity to the north of the road. The people now living in the area need to have no fears of renewed mining activity, with a seam in places only 450mm thick and at least 13 metres below the surface, they shouldn't expect a call from BHP-Billiton any time soon.

Tom writes:- My recollections cover a host of ideas. Portions 37 and 38 were owned by members of my family and I resided on Portion 37. They are separated from Portions 10 and 11 by a road and I would doubt very much, given the topography and soil types, if there was ever any mining on Portions 38 or 10 and 11 – it needs to be understood the mine was on a very small scale in any circumstance. You can be assured as I will write, access to the coal on Portion 37 was through an entry point on Portion 35 close to the boundary with Portion 36, no doubt to minimise the damage to agricultural practice. It would appear it was thus as the owner of Portion 37 did not want a mound on his land – hence the approach some 80 yards from the road to allow some type of gradient to get the coal out. In my early days Portion 35 was known as Stay's and Portion 36 as Dick Ruhle's. The mound was about, perhaps, 30 yards

long and of round shape. Mr. Dan Riordan, who worked for my father and his brother lived in a house on the roadside of portion 35, bred Alsatian dogs, and did work, as written, as a bag sewer and corn puller for my Dad and uncle. On the mound was a trolley which ran from west to east on top of the mound on tram lines. I am unaware of how these skips were brought out from underground - by horse or winch. Quite often with mates from town Dan Riordan would allow us, and help us, ride the skip. No doubt trucks backed into the end of the tramline and skips were put into it, and tailings dropped onto the mound. The loads would have been taken to the Allora railway yards where there was a loading dock at the end of the line adjacent to Warwick Street.

On a few occasions Dan Riordan took us down the entry to the mine for about 30 yards where the roof was supported by rough timber until the shaft had fallen in. Quite obviously the shaft ran in a northerly direction across the road into Portion 37 underground. Close to the windmill some 50 yards north of the road there was a small mound with pieces of coal, stone, and coloured rocks which may have been some type of air entry, or maybe it was where the entry of the mine was initially intended until there, in my view, may have been a difference of wishes between the owners, hence the entry on Portion 35 and boundary with Portion 36. I can guarantee the shaft ran north from there, but obviously I do not know how far. The water from the mine was first class – super for vegetable and making a cup of tea – as good as rain water. Having pulled it up several times to change the worn out leather buckets, it was three standard lengths of piping deep and there were always heavy deposits of minute particles

of coal on the bottom pump.

For many years behind the house where Dan Riordan lived, there was a usual farmer's shed of the era, in which for many years there was housed a solid wheel truck with a winch mechanism for unloading it as a type of tip truck and owned by Mr. H. W. Stay who had the contract for carting the coal to Allora. I went away to boarding school for several years and I can remember the truck was not there when the property was purchased by Mr. Selwyn Howell and family. There were plans to extend the railway line from Allora to the mine site but I am unaware of any details of

plans and route. You have my assurance, from the direction of the shaft which I personally saw, it was directed towards Portion 37. My memory is that the mine was closed because of water entry. One can understand that from what I have told about the depth of the mill on Portion 37. I note the Allora Mining Company was floated in 1873. My father and his brothers came to Allora in 1908 and Dad told me that he or they would go down the mine and get a sugar bag of coal for the clothes boiler or to light the fire for the horse and cattle brands. There would appear to be some confusion, unless even in those days, there was a heap of red tape to traverse between intention and action. But the mine did operate, the shaft ran in a northerly direction which I can vouch for because I have seen it – probably the only one alive to do so.

On top of the mound there were a lot of posts, the use of which I am unaware of. It is some years since I have been past the mound but I was advised it is still there. Both Colin Muir – a truly great man and family friend – and Bramwell Tickle often thought of levelling it but did not do so. Some later owner may well have done so – must drive past next time I am up that way.

That is all my knowledge about the mine. I have no knowledge about dates, just activities. A few lovely little stories - Dad would never let us go near the mine because he said that there was a man buried there and his ghost might frighten us - thank heavens for Dan Riordan. I did not tell Dad how Dan showed my mates and me the mine, nor did we tell our parents what Dan had shown us. We call it, I suppose, "secret men's business."

Colin Newport

Small family farmers find a new way to fund their paddock to plate enterprise: Porking it forward to the Final Paddock

Do you like free range rare breed pork and lamb? Especially if this means supporting a small family farm? Available regularly at markets in Toowoomba, Warwick and Brisbane, dropped off on the way and also at the Gold Coast? Or even online and posted to your door?

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Belinda says "Our pigs get to be pigs. Naughty, snout digging, wallowing, happy, stress-free pigs. And as for the sheep? Well they think they own the place." Currently they pay a local butcher to cut up produce however the couple aims to change that. By building an on-farm fully accredited butchering room, they would have further control over the supply chain and be able to honour their animals while on their paddock to plate journey.. This facility would provide the "last fence" in their "final paddock".

To do this they are running a crowd funding campaign. What a great present a gift voucher for Tillari Trotters pork and/or lamb would make, or perhaps give yourself or a friend one of the great Baa-Ewe-tiful calendars for Christmas.

Farming in drought, flood, then drought again over the past ten years has not been easy for these two young farmers. So they are not rich, not sitting back with labour to do all the work. Belinda is up by 3.30 am in summer to ensure the wallows have enough water in them to prevent their rare breed Tamworth pigs suffering from heat stress and getting sunburnt. Tim says "I do long hours in the ute taking produce to Farmers Markets in Brisbane and on the Darling Downs. But I love meeting the people who value our meat and care about how it is grown."

This means it is their own love that goes into every package of meat you buy at the markets, or will receive in return from your



Tim with some happy oinkers

contribution via their crowd funding page at: <https://pozible.com/project/on-farm-butchering-room> to make the butchering room a reality. And it's their own love and care that goes into all the poddy lambs and piglets, who have amazing names like Snuff and Secret, and who get fed from birth by Belinda. When you have up to 30 piglets and lambs to feed several times a day, it's no small task. Understandably these ones don't go to market, they are kept as breeders. But that is what you do – it is my job to care for them.

Through this crowd funding for the butchering room, they are not just asking for straight donations, although these would be readily accepted. You will see on the website that there are various packages, ranging from \$10 to \$2,000. As well as Tillari meat packs, you can sign up for Snag Making Classes, the chance to adopt a lamb, piglet or their mothers, with a Baa-Ewe-tiful Calendar thrown in, and some packages even come with a couple of tickets in the draw for a night's accommodation for two at Spicers Peak Lodge.

Bellinda says "This year I am asking people to consider giving a loved one a calendar (which we will post) or a produce voucher if they have family who live around the area we sell in. In doing so you will help ensure the future of a small family farmer who will also value and appreciate your contribution." Details are on the website, and most of packages will be available by February 2017 or earlier in return for the funding you have "porked forward". Find out how to become part of this great project at: pozible.com/project/on-farm-butchering-room

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To enter submit a photograph online with a brief description of how it captures the theme 'See My World'. There are four categories for entry including open (general public), macular disease community, healthcare professional, and junior (under 18).

"The mEYE World Photographic Competition is an initiative of Macular Disease Foundation Australia and by taking part you'll help raise awareness of macular disease, the leading cause of blindness and severe vision loss in Australia," said Foundation CEO Julie Heraghty. "It's also a great opportunity to celebrate the importance of sight."

The 2016 judges are Foundation Patron Ita Buttrose, and renowned photographers Rex Dupain, Alan Pryke and Graham McCarter.

For more information and to enter, visit www.mdfoundation.com.au

Wattles to Celebrate 2016 at Annual Banquet

This Friday evening the Wattles 'Warriors' Rugby League Football Club celebrate the completion of its 51st season, and fiftieth as a club competing in the Toowoomba Rugby League competition.

A big crowd is expected to grace the Allora Community Hall with players, committee, Life Members, supporters and community members gathering to recall the highlights of the 2016 season and see players recognized for the efforts.

After three years as pace setters in the TRL, that saw the first grade green & gold outfit finalists in all three seasons and premiers in 2014 & 2015, this year was somewhat tamer, with injury in particular frustrating the club.

The successful line-up of last year disbanded somewhat, with many premiership winning team members taking a break from the sport this season.

While Wattles never made a finals appearance in either first, reserve or Under 18 grades in 2016, top grade coach Gary Lawrence feels the club has a solid foundation to build on for the future.

Lawrence, a former Queensland Cup (Intrust Super Cup) winning mentor who has also coached a Queensland Resident side feels a priority is to "retain all of this year's player roster."

"Wattles have plenty of ability in their younger players coming through, they will take the club forward into the future."

The Wattles' clubs highest playing award is the Clifton Courier Shield for the club's "Player of the Year", its presentation the climax of Friday evenings awards ceremony. Many great players' names from local rugby league folklore adorn this trophy, including International forward Greg Platz, eventual A.R.L. /N.R.L. players Robbie Tew and Tony Duggan, three time winners Matt Duggan, Sam Achilles and Cameron Hamblin, a five time winner of the "Player of the Year" Shield.

Many of Wattles current band of top graders will have come into contention for the club's 'blue ribbon' award in 2016, Central Division representative halfback Jason Wilmot, classy forwards Dale Perkins and Harry Fulwood as well as consistent halves performer Michael Duggan among them.

Tomorrow evening's Banquet & Presentation evening that will

draw the curtain on another season for the Wattles Warriors commences at 6.00 pm at the Allora Community Hall.


The entry fee is \$30.00 per person which includes a two course meal and entertainment, \$25.00 for Under 18 players.

Inquiries should be directed to Secretary Mrs. Shelley Duggan on 07 4696 4534 (evening)

Wattles Clifton Courier 'Player of the Year' winners since the trophy was introduced in 1975.

2015 Matt Duggan, 2014 Matt Duggan, 2013 Matt Duggan, 2012 Glen McMillan, 2011 Aaron Scheid and Luke Baker, 2010 Luke Baker, 2009 Brenden Wilson, 2008 Rod Habben, 2007 Luke Brosnan, 2006 Damien Pauli, 2005 Jonathon Denny, 2004 Kevin Ruhle, 2003 Cameron Hamblin, 2002 Cameron Hamblin, 2001 Cameron Hamblin, 2000 Tony Duggan, 1999 Cameron Hamblin, 1998 Michael Smith, 1997 Roger Robinson, 1996 Glen Hamblin, 1995 Cameron Hamblin, 1994 George Langton, 1993 Ross Murray, 1992 Brian Collins, 1991 Vince Ramsay, 1990 Sam Achilles, 1989 Sam Achilles, 1988 Brendan Corby, 1987 Brendan Bange, 1986 Russell Lamb, 1985 Brian Dunne, 1984 Steve Dwan, 1983 Rob. Tew, 1982 Rob. Neville, 1981 Neil Ryan, 1980 Michael Ryan, 1979 Greg Platz, 1978 Barry Glass and John Bradfield, 1977 Greg Platz, 1976 Sam Achilles, 1975 Michael Ryan.

Glyn Rees



Allora Golf Notes


No Duckrun results for the 7th but we would like to thank Percy's Fruit, our new sponsors for our Friday competition, welcome aboard.

Sunday's 2 ball Ambrose event kindly sponsored by Allora Butchery was played for in beautiful conditions, the course looks amazing for a great days game. With a good field of teams playing the winners were the team of Matt May and Kev Harrison with a 57.75, the runners up team was Len Hoey and Glen with a 58.25 congratulations to the winning teams. Pins were on the 7th with no one claiming it, the team of Matt May and Kev Harrison took out the 4th, 16th and the approach for the 5th and 14th. The 13th pin was taken by the team of Jack Fulwood and Gene 'God' McMillan, Len Hoey and Glen took the 9th approach and Barry Brown Jnr and Michael "Pugsy" took the approach for the 18th. Congratulations to the winning teams and all players.

We also held the final for our 2016 Matchplay Championship earlier today it was between Barry Brown Jnr and Adam Cummins. The winner with a score of 4 and 2 was Barry Brown Jnr. Congratulations Barry well done.

This Friday the Duckrun will be teeing off at 2.30pm sponsored by Percy's Fruit then Sunday we will be playing for the Railway Hotel's Monthly Medal all welcome to attend.

Thank you to our workers and sponsors and dont forget your sand buckets and great golfing to you all.



Game 2: Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Maryvale

Playing against last season's runner up was a good test to see how we stand up against a quality bowling and well experienced team.

With Maryvale taking the early points through winning the toss and electing to bat, it was the Rascals time to prove themselves in the competition. Maryvale started the batting well, making a patient 48 runs before the first lost wicket. Two more soon followed and the score was balanced at 3-54, with Jake, Joe and Brad taking a wicket each, helped by a blinding catch at first slip by Henry Gartery. Come the 20th over at drinks, Maryvale were at 3-63. Game balanced, Maryvale with wickets in hand. A few over after the restart, Henry took the two wickets of the set batters to see the score at 5-97 (26). A wicket from Tom at 116 helped slow the scoring, until they got away from us in the last ten overs, putting on 69



On only two occasions has the Wattles 'Warriors' Rugby League Club "Clifton Courier" Player of the Year award been shared, in 2011 as pictured, Aaron Scheid & Luke Baker with sponsor Mr. Ted Rogers, and in 1978 when it was shared by John Bradfield and Barry Glass.

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runs. Joe Morris earnt two victims 'bowled' from the last two balls of the game, leaving Maryvale at 8-191 at the end of the 40 overs. Joe Morris - three wickets.

The response was not great, as losing four wickets for four runs will tell you, and the score board looking rather desperate at 4-16 early on. Enter 'newbie' Ben McClure (30 something) and 'ole charging hack' Jake Christensen (probably still in his teens), and change the game they did. Some classy patient batting was on display from Ben, and the occasional non-charge from Jake was also present (though, must be said, Jake did bat smartly and aggressively throughout his innings). These two brought the score up to 4-84 at drinks, chasing 108 in the final 20 overs. Jake fell on 37, combining for a massive 89 run partnership. Steady wickets followed, and the 6th at 117, 7th at 128 (Ben hitting the ball sweetly down the ground, but a fielder got in the way and spoil his day), 8th at 140, 9th and 10th at 164. Henry Gartery added a nice 17 not out through all of this. Overall, the Rascals fell 27 runs short of the total. A special thanks goes out to Brooke Wightman who filled in for us, I know she enjoyed running around all day in the sun! A Joe Morris injury after the 5th wicket dented our chances slightly, however after coming off, he bravely returned near the end to give us a sniff of hope. Overall, a great batting performance from our middle and later order batters - 27 runs short of a team that knows how to win and has years of experience. Next time we meet, those 27 runs will turn up!

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: Ben McClure, 2: Jake Christensen, 1: Joe Morris.

Next week is the first away game for the Rascals, taking on Inglewood at 12.30pm, in Inglewood. Of course, everyone is welcome to come and watch the game, the drive really doesn't take that long, and the pies are great at Inglewood's bakery!

Son's CPR Saves a Local Dad's Life

A life time of hard toil, and the past 25 years of concerning health issues has certainly provided 80 year old Bruce Wilson with more than his share of challenges. Challenges that include open heart surgery and twice overcoming battles with cancer. At 5.45pm on Sunday July 31st 2016, he faced yet another such challenge while relaxing with family members, suffering a heart seizure on the veranda of his Forest Plains Road home on the outskirts of Allora, the little piece of paradise that is home to Bruce and wife of 56 years Cathie.

But for the presence of son Garry Wilson, Bruce may well have been on his way to an eternal paradise, essentially saved by Garry's actions and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) until the arrival of three Queensland Ambulance Service units that saw the wily old cattle handler whisked away to be treated at the Warwick Hospital, and later the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane.

Garry & his wife Kaye had been visiting and helping on what had been an afternoon of normality at 'Wybaleena' that included weighing a few Droughtmaster weaners followed by some family relaxation. It was laughs and chatting aplenty when suddenly Bruce made an unusual breathing sound. Seconds later it occurred to Garry that "Dad's not breathing" and he commenced what would be lifesaving CPR.

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"It's amazing how a situation can change instantly" said Garry. Bruce's recollections have him enjoying a good laugh and a yarn after returning some cattle to the paddock and enjoying a couple of beers. Then everything is blank. I can't recall the seizure at all or the events that saw me arrive at the hospital, or for that matter not a lot from the following four or five days. "I can't recall but I'd reckon the beers were nice though" laughed Bruce.

"Garry worked on me for better than twenty minutes doing CPR, while Kaye phoned and spoke to the ambulance and medical people as to what was happening, contacted family and comforted Cathie"

"Given only a small percentage survive a heart seizure, I was so very lucky to have my family with me when it happened."

"We love where we live" smiled Bruce, "Cathie & I have been here for eleven years, we say we have come back to the mountains."

"It took us a long time to find 'Wybaleena', we actually first looked at it on Valentine's Day and I sure wasn't ready to leave the world that Sunday a few weeks back and leave it all behind."

Before arriving in the Allora area Bruce and Cathie were at Bullarah, west of Moree in New South Wales for 45 years, Bruce working in the agriculture industry and Cathie running a shop and also working with the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The Wilson family are well respected members of the Allora community, especially for their voluntary contributions. It is

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ironic given Bruce's health event the family had contributed so significantly to raising funds for the construction of the Allora Medical Practice, and Garry currently the Secretary of the Practice Support Group.

Thanks to the alertness of Garry and his knowledge of CPR Bruce will be tending his Droughtmasters for some time to come, and tallying up the hours in his favoured John Deere 4755 tractor. Alas the work load will have to diminish for Bruce who kept himself busy not only with the cattle but growing oats and making hay for his herd.

'Wybaleena' and it's beautiful rural views is a 'Home Sweet Home' indeed for the Wilson's, along with the Droughtmasters, geese, chickens, guinea fowls, cats Paddy & Sambo and kelpie dogs Mitch & Bella. Another home comfort for Bruce & Cathie is that Garry & Kaye and their children Lauren and Jack are only a glance across a green paddock to the north.

Bruce has recently returned to tending his cattle and property after another brief stay at the Wesley Hospital, but he wants to express how grateful he is to his loving family, caring neighbours & fellow community members, the QAS paramedics, Allora Medical Practice staff, and hospital staff at Warwick and the Wesley Hospital for the wonderful care he received in these recent weeks.

Both Bruce and Cathie wish to thank Garry for saving Bruce's life and thank God daily for the blessing of life Bruce has received.

But as Garry raises, "there is a message in what happened to Dad for everyone, and for us as a family, and I would like to think a message for the community also."

"Dad has dealt with numerous health issues over the past two decades, and earlier this year he underwent cardiac surgery at Brisbane's Wesley Hospital."

"Obviously in Dad's case and so many other elderly there can be ongoing concerns, but situations can arise where anyone can suffer a heart stoppage or cease breathing, regardless of age or incident."

"It certainly makes you realise you don't have your loved ones forever and you can lose them at the blink of an eye. I am still coming to terms with how fortunate I was to have the opportunity to save my Dads life on this occasion, simply because I had the awareness and basic first aid training sufficient enough to get the job done."

"Quite simply if I hadn't had the training, I would have had no idea what to do. It all fell in Dads favour that day as we had access to contact 000 and (my wife) Kaye was able to calmly make the call and keep clear communications with the QAS

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A sprightly Bruce Wilson enjoying some family time with son Garry Wilson & wife Cathie.

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whilst I was working on Dad."

Had Bruce been in the paddock on his own the event may have ended very differently.

Garry was fortunate enough to carry out CPR on a 22 year old South African man when he and Kaye were in Africa on holidays in 2015. He had dived into a pool at a resort and hit his head and was in the bottom of the pool.

"I happened to be on the spot and carried out CPR and got him going."

"He still keeps in touch with us via emails" smiles Garry, "Dad tells me that young South African was a trial run for his event to make sure I got it right".

Also involved in the cattle industry and Pest Management Officer with the Toowoomba Regional, Garry is hoping he doesn't have to perform CRP again in his lifetime, "however if I do, I certainly hope I will keep my 100% success record, it's a special thing to be able to do, especially on your Dad.

"Time is of the essence in such a situation as we well know, but the basic knowledge of CPR is available to everyone."

CPR is a vital life skill as far as Garry, Bruce and all of the Wilson family are concerned, "we'd like the community to be aware of our experience" explained Garry, "and take steps to learn the basic skills that may very well save a life, a life that could be a family member."The training is not difficult, it is designed for all ages and clearly steps out the basic requirements to assist in saving a life.

Further information regarding First Aid training and CPR can be obtained from the Queensland Ambulance Service as well as private training companies in Warwick and Toowoomba.

Glyn Rees